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PASSING OF CAPTAIN ERIC LEWIS, DC, USN (RET)

Fellow Dental Corps officers, it is with deep regret that I inform you of the recent passing of CAPT Eric Lewis, DC, USN (ret).

Eric Lewis was born on August 4, 1951, in Brooklyn, New York. His parents were Edgar Lewis of Cairo, Georgia, and Mary Fennell Lewis of Rosehill, North Carolina.

He graduated from City College of the City University of New York and the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine. In his third year of dental school, he was commissioned an Ensign in the naval reserve program. In 1976, he earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree and began his active duty naval career. He served more than 30 years on active duty, retiring as a Captain.



During his career, he served in leadership roles in the United States and overseas. Some of those assignments were: Director, Branch Dental Clinic, Naval Amphibious Base Coronado; Company Commander, 23rd Dental Company Twenty Nine Palms, California; Director, Branch Dental Clinic – Naval Station San Diego; and Department Head, USS *Independence* when it was homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

After he retired from the United States Navy, he served as a staff dentist for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 10 years. Dr. Lewis also provided hands-on training to pre-dental students from UCSD through a volunteer program at the Veteran's Village of San Diego, CA.

Eric Lewis obtained his Mastership status in the Academy of General Dentistry in June 2015. He was a member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association, San Diego County Dental Society, and served as the President of the San Diego Academy of the AGD.

Dr. Lewis enjoyed running, the beach, a fine cigar and a glass of single malt scotch. He loved his family. He is survived by his sons, Brian K. Lewis, Eric J. Lewis, and granddaughter, Nyah K. Lewis. He is survived by his wife Sharon B. Majors-Lewis, and her sons, Dennis S. Ellis; Devin G. Majors and his wife Sheneka Oaks-Majors; their children, Tyshun Oaks, Tyrah L. Majors, Devin G. Majors, Jr., and Victoria M. Majors. His sister, Rosalind Lewis, and niece Melissa Lewis. Also, Walter R. Fennell, Sr. and Emma Shadding Fennell, Walter R. Fennell, Jr. (Ernestine), Ralph E. Fennell (Veronica), Dr. Patricia Eason (Dr. Marvin Eason), Leon D. Fennell (Sabira), and Reginald Fennell, of North Carolina; DaVoughan Fennell, of Philadelphia, PA, and a host of other relatives. He will never be forgotten by countless friends, colleagues, fellow service members and just about anyone whose life he touched, and surely all those who ever heard his loud, passionate laugh.

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